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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "any of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

A1 Sub B4 4. (Amended) An encoder according to [any of claims 1-3] claim 1, characterised in that N is equal to  $2^m$ ,  $m$  being a positive integer  $> 0$ .

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

A2 8. (Amended) A decoder according to [any of claims 5-7] claim 5, characterised in that N is equal to  $2^m$ ,  $m$  being a positive integer  $> 0$ .

Sub B5 9. (Amended) A system for transmitting DCT transformed image or video data comprising an encoder or decoder according to [any of claims 1-8] claim 1.